GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SUBMISSION OF PASSPORT APPLICATIONS BY PRIVATE AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have granted permission to private agencies to submit passport applications ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) The Government has authorized those travel agents who are members of the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) and the Travel Agents Federation of India(TAFI), and are recognized by International Air Travel Association (IATA),to submit passport application forms to the passport offices. In addition, all those travel agents who were recognized by this Ministry prior to July, 1992, when the system of recognition was dispensed with, are eligible to submit passport application forms to the passport offices.